

REMARKS

All the claims were subject to a restriction requirement. In that restriction requirement, the Examiner requires election of a single species of a first biodegradable polymer by selecting a single polymer from one of those at page 10 line 5 – page 11 line 5 and a single second biodegradable polymer by selecting a single polymer from one of those at page 10 line 5 – page 11 line 5. Applicants are also required to elect grafting moieties. It is also noted that claims 1-15, 18-20, and 25-27 are generic.

In response, Applicants elect poly(-hydroxybutyrate-co- -hydroxyvalerate) as the first biodegradable polymer and also elect the polar monomer 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate. Applicants elect polylactide as the second biodegradable polymer and also elect the polar monomer 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate.

It is believed that the current claims are allowable over the prior art and notification to that effect is requested. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any issues.

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